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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

CHENG ET AL.

Examiner

William H. Wood

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 01 November 2004.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-7 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-7 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 01 November 2004 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- 1) ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - 2) ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - 3) ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

Claims 1-7 are pending and have been examined.

Priority

Acknowledgment is made of applicant's claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1-3 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over **Sommer** (USPN 6,434,503) in further view of **Testa et al.** (USPN 5,845,234).

Claims 4-6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over **Sommer** (USPN 6,434,503) in further view of **Testa et al.** (USPN 5,845,234) as applied to claim 1 and in further view of **Mydill** (USPN 6,574,760).

Claim 7 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over **Sommer** (USPN 6,434,503) in further view of **Testa et al.** (USPN 5,845,234) in view of **Mydill**

(USPN 6,574,760) as applied to claim 5 and in further view of **Toner**, "A BIST Scheme for SNR, Gain Tracking, and Frequency Response Test of a Sigma-Delta ADC".

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments filed 01 November 2004 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. Applicant argued: ¹⁾ **Sommer** does not teach intellectual property including the tester program, a tester resource installation configuration and a testing strategy; ²⁾ **Sommer's** functions are different that the present invention; ³⁾ **Sommer** is incapable of integrating an intellectual property, a product target specification, an error code list and a program transfer rule check; and ⁴⁾ the means and the contents of the present invention are completely different from those of **Testa**. These arguments are respectfully found unpersuasive.

First, under the broadest reasonable interpretation of the claim language, intellectual property including above mentioned features is disclosed by **Sommer**. Note, the original citation of a master program (IP) and that the program contains the features of configurations and testing features.

Second, the functionality of the claimed invention and the cited prior art are substantially the same (**Sommer**: column 1, lines 7-11).

Third, the integration step is illustrated at least by reference to figure 1 and column 3, lines 19-45. In particular, note column 3, lines 40-45 and column 2, lines 7-59.

Fourth, **Testa** is related both to the current claimed invention and the additional cited prior art of **Sommers**, as originally explained, for at least the reason of test program generation.

Having addressed all Applicant's claim related arguments the rejections are maintained. All other claims are dependent upon the above arguments.

Objection to the drawings and the specification is withdrawn. The previously cited rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112 is withdrawn.

Conclusion

THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL. Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than **SIX MONTHS** from the mailing date of this final action.

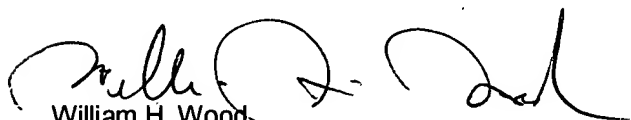
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